266TH FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CENTER

OCONUS PAY ENTITLEMENTS

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References

- DoD FMR Vol. 7A
- JFTR, Vol. 1
- AR 600-8-10
- AR 601-2
- AR 37-104-4
- DFAS-IN Manual 7-1

Allowances

- Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)
- Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA)
- Moving In Housing Allowance (MIHA)
- Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA)

Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)

Types

- With Dependents-based on the # of cmd sponsored dependents at the member's OCONUS PDS; up to 5
- Without Dependents-when service member has not dependents at primary duty station (PDS)
- Reduced-paid to member when both gov't quarters and DFAC are available

UCFR Codes

- 9 rate for personnel living in the barracks (reduced rate)
- 0 rate for unaccompanied personnel living in BEQ, BOQ, and off post
- 1-5 rate for personnel with command sponsored dependents overseas

General

- Paid on a daily basis—actual number of days in month / days OCONUS
- Reduced/Stopped effective the 31st consecutive day of leave in CONUS for member or dependents

Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA)

General

- Authorization to start, stop, or change OHA must be submitted on a DD Form 2367 “Individual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Report.”
- Rates depend on rank, location, and whether you have dependents.

BAH/OHA Differences

- BAH is CONUS, OHA is OCONUS.
- BAH is a flat rate based on rank, dependency status, and PDS zip code
- OHA is a cost-reimbursment based entitlement

Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA)

OHA Types

- Without Dependents OHA-
- With Dependents OHA-number of dependents doesn't matter
- Partial BAH-Soldiers w/o dep's residing in single-type government quarters (Barracks, BEQ, or BOQ).
- BAH-Diff-Soldiers paying child support and residing in single-type government quarters
- Reserve Component and Transient Rate (BAH-RC/T)-
    - For Soldiers PCSing from overseas and reservists on AD for up to 30 days
    - varies by pay grade and family status only
- Family Separation Housing (FSH)
    - FSH-B = the w/o BAH rate for a different location (for the SM)
    - FSH-O = the w/o OHA rate for a different location
    - Payable when a member is separated from dep's and assigned to OCONUS PDS or dep travel delayed or restricted in CONUS.
    - Example: MAJ Smith ERODs his wife to California. He draws FSH-O for

Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA)

Major Rules

•Single Soldiers in the grades of E-7 and above can elect to receive OHA on their own right, as long as they do not occupy single-type government quarters.

•Single Soldiers in the grades of E-6 and below, who do not occupy single-type government quarters, may receive OHA on their own right with the approval of the installation commander and a “statement of non-availability” from Housing (DoD FMR VOL 7A U10400C)

•Soldiers with dependents are authorized OHA /OHA on behalf of those dependents, unless the dependents are occupying family-type government quarters.

•Member married to member may receive OHA if they are not occupying family-type government quarters and depending on their status (w/dep; w/o dep).

- •If dual-military families have dependents, higher ranking member usually claims OHA at the with dependents rate

MIHA and TLA

MIHA

- A one time payment; exists to defray the move-in costs associated with occupying private sector leased/owned housing covered under the OHA program.

TLA

- Provided to partially reimburse a Soldier for the more than normal expenses incurred while occupying temporary lodging.
- Authorization for an OCONUS PDS assignment should not exceed 60 days.
- The Housing office is the approving authority
- Upon departure should not exceed the last 10 days before the Soldier departs on a PCS Order.

Summary

Our collective goal is to accurately pay every Soldier, all their entitlements, in the month due.

Questions

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